

IIM Jammu, Ramakrishna Mission commemorate Swami Vivekananda's Historic Chicago Address on 'Vishwa Bandutva Diwas'

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Director Prof. B.S. Sahay, in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission Jammu, organized a special event at its Jagti Campus to mark the 132nd anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's iconic speech at the Parliament of Religions, Chicago, delivered on Thursday.

The event was held on the eve of "Vishwa Bandutva Diwas" (World Brotherhood Day), celebrating universal harmony and the spirit of "Nation First".

The program began with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by the felicitation of guests, including Swami Yajnadharananda and Swami Vijayeshananda from Ramakrishna Mission Jammu, Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean Academics; Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal,



Swami Yajnadharananda and Swami Vijayeshananda from Ramakrishna Mission Jammu with IIM Jammu faculty at a programme.

Chairperson, Anandam - The Centre for Happiness; Brigadier Neeraj Soni, Raman Gupta, MD, PANS & POTS CO Group, and Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, CAO, IIM Jammu.

Swami Vijayeshananda, in his address, emphasized that Swami Vivekananda's speech was the voice of India's soul, inspiring global unity and spiritual strength. He described how Vivekananda, at just 30, ignited global admiration with his vision of tolerance, unity, and pride in

Indian heritage. His call for harmony and divinity within all continues to resonate, he said.

Swami Yajnadharananda, delivering the Presidential Address, said that Swami Vivekananda's message of universal brotherhood and youth empowerment remains deeply relevant. He reflected on the challenges Vivekananda overcame in America and praised his unwavering conviction. "What he spoke, he lived," he noted, urging all to embody

his teachings in daily life. Prof. Nitin Upadhyay highlighted that Swamiji's teachings stress character-building as much as intellectual development. He reiterated IIM Jammu's commitment to nurturing socially responsible leaders guided by Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Vivekananda's call to "Arise, Awake, and stop not till the goal is reached."

A student speaker noted that Vivekananda is a living inspiration for today's youth,

reminding them of their duty beyond personal achievement-towards **nation-building and compassion.

In his closing remarks, Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal emphasized Swami Vivekananda's legacy as the first Indian voice asserting Bharat's spiritual identity in the West, highlighting his foresight on holistic well-being. The event concluded with a soulful song by Swami Vijayeshananda and a vote of thanks by Raman Gupta, calling upon students to carry forward Swamiji's timeless vision.

Guru Ravidass always gave message of social equality: Balbir

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JAMMU: Balbir Ram Rattan, a staunch follower of Guru Ravidass and a social activist, said that the life and teachings of the great saint Guru Ravidass continue to inspire society towards social equality, mutual brotherhood, and justice. He said that Guru Ravidass raised his voice against social evils and caste-based discrimination at a time when even speaking on such issues was considered an act of great courage.

He was discussing the life of Guru Ravidass ji with Balwinder Singh, Chairman of the All J&K Sikh Society.

Balbir Ram Rattan said that Guru Ravidass raised voice against caste system and social inequalities of his time and envisioned a

CCI President urges RBI to provide relief to J&K Business community amid crisis

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JAMMU: Arun Gupta, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), has written to the Regional Director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), drawing attention to the severe financial hardship being faced by the business community in Jammu and Kashmir.

Gupta said that the tragic Pahalgam terror attack and the subsequent war-like situation have badly hit the tourism sector, with the inflow of visitors declining sharply. This, he added, has caused immense losses to

local businesses already struggling in a fragile economic environment.

He further pointed out that a series of natural calamities, including cloudbursts in Chashoti, Kishtwar, Doda, and Kathua, landslides on the Mata Vaishno Devi track, and heavy floods in the Jammu division, have further worsened the situation. These disasters have forced many business establishments to suspend operations, leaving entrepreneurs and traders unable to pay their term loan installments, interest on cash credit limits, and other bank dues.

The CCI President urged the RBI to direct all banks in J&K to extend immediate relief to the business community. He requested rescheduling of term loan accounts, rebates on bank interest and CC limits, waiver of penal interest, and an assurance that these accounts are not declared Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) due to non-payment.

Gupta stressed that this timely support is crucial for helping the affected business community recover from losses and get back on their feet.



BJP spokesperson Balbir Ram Rattan interacting with Balwinder Singh, Chairman of All J&K Sikh Society.

society where every individual would receive equal rights and respect.

Through sayings like "Man changa to kathauti mein Ganga" (If the mind is pure, the Ganges flows even in a vessel), he clearly conveyed that inner purity and service to humanity are the true forms of religion. He believed that a person's worship or devotion should not be judged by their

caste, but by their actions and mindset.

Balbir further said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is progressing with the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, aur Sabka Prayas" (Together with all, development for all, trust of all, and efforts of all), which aligns with the core philosophy of Guru

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JAMMU: Executive Engineer, Electric Division-I, JPDCL, Parade Jammu has informed that the power supply to Teli Mohalla Jari, Simbal Lad Mallah, Panyal Jagti, Tanda-I (Near Govt School), Jhari-IV (Katoch Mohalla), Jhari (BPL), Jagati (Sarpanch Mohalla), Tanda-III, Tanda (Main Road), Migrant Colony, Hunter Lodge, Near Poultry Farm, Chack Lardan, nearby Shiv Temple, Chetan Academy,

Pragalta, Kumar Mohalla, Near PHE, Kuppad near Fertilizer Plant, Shiv Temple, Orange Garden, Kuppad, Bain Bajalta, Bain Bajalta-I, Near Guddu Chakki, Bain Bajalta-II, Near Masjid, near Receiving Station, Near Member House, Govt Primary School Pragalta, Near Mobile Tower, Shiv Nagar, Exchange Road, Residency Road, Main Bazaar, Residency Road near Monalisa, Daru Wali Gali, Partap Mohalla, Main Bazaar and Krishna Nagar will remain affected on

September 12 to 20 daily from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Circuit House, Circuit House-I, Opposite Petrol Pump Talab Tillo, Opposite Police Station, Peer Mitha, Near DC Office-I, Near DC Office-II, Near J&K Bank ATM, Near Graveyard Gujjar Nagar, Near Gujjar Nagar Lower Grave Yard-I and Near Gujjar Nagar Lower Grave Yard-II will remain affected on September 12 to 15 daily from 9 am to 3 pm.

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Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jatval and its adjoining areas will remain affected on September 13 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Vijaypur and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 13 and 15 from 6.30 am to 11.30 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Meen and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 13 from 6.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Dir Agriculture reviews expenditure under HADP, CAPEX, NABARD, CSS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu on Thursday convened a meeting of all Joint Directors of Agriculture Department and Chief Agriculture Officers (CAOs) through video conference to review the expenditure made till date under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), CAPEX, NABARD and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

The meeting was chaired by Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta and was also attended by Regional Level SMS, Sanjay Anand, Deputy Director Planning, Priyanka Parihar, Accounts Officer Vishnu Kant Sharma along with officers and staff of the depart-



Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta chairing a meeting.

ment. During the meeting, the Director Agriculture took a detailed review of financial progress and physical achievements under various schemes and emphasized the need to ensure time-bound utilization of funds. He directed all district heads to expedite implementation of approved works and submit updated

expenditure details regularly, so that the benefits of these schemes reach farming communities in an effective manner.

The Director also underscored the importance of maintaining transparency and accountability in execution and asked officers to monitor progress at ground level for timely completion of targets.

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Thursday chaired a high-level review meeting of the ambitious Citizen Centric Services initiative of the Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs. The meeting focused on evaluating the progress made so far and ensuring its timely launch for the benefit of people across Jammu & Kashmir.

Secretary, Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs, Achal Sethi, presented a detailed update on the development of the digital platform, comprising both a web portal and mobile application.

The meeting was also attended by Secretary IT, Dr. Piyush Singla; CEO JAKEGA, Mahima Madan; senior officers of the Law Department; and representatives of BISAG-N.



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a high-level review meeting on Thursday.

The Chief Secretary expressed satisfaction over the ongoing work and underlined the need for an early launch of the services within the stipulated timelines. He observed that the initiative holds immense potential to enhance transparency, accessibility, and efficiency in legal service delivery while simplifying citizens' access to essential services such as legal aid and advice.

He observed that the platform is a reflection of the government's commitment to legal empowerment, inclusive governance, and citizen-centric service delivery. Adding that it has the potential to serve as a model for other regions of the country to replicate.

Underscoring the importance of inclusivity, the Chief Secretary directed the Department to seek valuable inputs from legal

experts, especially from the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, and incorporate their suggestions to make the services more comprehensive and beneficial for all stakeholders.

The Citizen Centric Services initiative encompasses ten integrated modules designed to simplify public access to legal services. Key features include a Legal Aid/Advice module that connects citizens with Legal Aid Counsels and Pro Bono Counsels, access to Central and UT Acts, Rules, Notifications, and landmark judgments, and information on court locations and real-time case status.

Other services on the platform include facilities related to notaries, oath commissions, documents, and marriage registration. The portal also provides details of MLAs, legislative busi-

ness, and enables public feedback on draft laws. Additionally, it offers legal education guidance and career support for aspiring legal professionals, an AI-powered chatbot for basic legal assistance, and a grievance redressal and feedback mechanism.

The Chief Secretary asked all stakeholders to work in close coordination to address any pending technical or administrative issues and ensure readiness of the platform as per schedule. He further emphasized the need for widespread awareness campaigns to maximize citizen outreach and effective utilization of the services by them post-launch.

The Department assured that necessary steps are being taken to meet the launch timeline and to operationalize the platform in a citizen-friendly and efficient manner.

India tears into Pakistan's terror propaganda at UN, rebukes Switzerland for ill-informed remarks: Gaurav

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JAMMU: Reacting to the development, BJP Spokesperson J&K, Gaurav Gupta, said that India has once again exposed Pakistan's lies and propaganda at the United Nations while giving a strong and dignified rebuttal to Switzerland's shallow remarks on minorities during the 60th Session of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva.

Kshitiz Tyagi, Counsellor at India's Permanent Mission to the UN, blasted Pakistan as a "failed state" addicted to "propaganda and terror". He reminded the forum that India needs "no lessons from a terror sponsor; no sermons from a persecutor of minorities, and no advice from a



state that has conjured its own credibility."

"India will continue to protect its citizens with unwavering resolve. We will defend our sovereignty without compromise. And we will continue to expose, time and again, the elaborate deception of a failed state whose survival depends upon trafficking in terror and

tragedy," Tyagi asserted.

Ridiculing Pakistan's leadership, Tyagi recalled how even Pakistan's own leaders had compared their nation to a "dump truck" - a fitting metaphor for a state that routinely deposits recycled falsehoods and stale propaganda at international forums. He strongly condemned Pakistan's misuse of the OIC, calling it a disgraceful attempt to use the body as its political mouthpiece.

Gupta said that India has made it abundantly clear that Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are integral and inalienable parts of India. The unprecedented political, social, and economic progress in J&K over the past few years is itself proof of the people's

faith in the Government of India and a testimony to the failure of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

India also came down heavily on Switzerland for its comments on minorities. Tyagi described the remarks as "surprising, shallow, and ill-informed," stressing that Switzerland, as UNHRC President, must avoid wasting the Council's time with blatantly false narratives. Instead, India urged Switzerland to look inward and address its own challenges of racism, systematic discrimination, and xenophobia.

"As the world's largest, most diverse, and vibrant democracy with a deep-rooted tradition of pluralism, India stands willing to even assist Switzerland in tackling these challenges," Tyagi added.

Gupta said this firm stand underscores India's unwavering commitment to protect its sovereignty, dignity, and democratic values. Attempts to malign India on global platforms are politically motivated, misleading, and divorced from ground realities. "The BJP fully supports the Government of India's uncompromising stand at international forums. India will never bow before false propaganda and will continue to uphold the truth with strength and confidence," Gaurav Gupta asserted.



BJP leaders and workers at Durga Puja Bengali Samaj Milan Samaroh in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a Durga Puja Bengali Samaj Milan Samaroh under "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" at Pakka Danga in Jammu city.

Baldev Singh Billawaria, J&K General Secretary and J&K Convenor for "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" Campaign chiefly addressed the programme.

The programme was also addressed by Anupam Malik, convenor for upcoming "Durga Puja" festival by Bengali Samaj under "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" Campaign.

During his address, Baldev Singh Billawaria guided the gathering on strategies to enhance the reach and influence of the campaign in J&K.

He said that the campaign would promote a sense of unity and harmony among diverse communities by encouraging cultural exchange and collaborative initiatives.

Baldev Billawaria said that the event highlights the party's commitment to

strengthen national unity and promote cultural integration across India.

He said that Indian festivals are not just religious rituals but social and cultural bridges that connect people together.

He said festivals like Durga Puja in Bengal and Chhath Puja in Bihar have their own significance, but together they strengthen national unity.

He also added that the traditions and festivals of each region send a message of unity in diversity of the country and inspire the new generation to understand and preserve this heritage.

Anupam Malik said that the "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" campaign is connecting states with their complementary cultural and linguistic characteristics. He said that it will build lasting ties that contribute to national integration and development. He called for the wider celebration of the Durga Puja, which is a major Hindu festival, particularly prominent in Eastern India. He

said that it celebrates the Maa Durga's victory over the demon, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil.

Other dignitaries who spoke on the occasion Co-Convenor Raman Suri, BJP J&K Treasure Prabhat Singh Jamwal, Parmodh Kapahi & Anil Masoom.

Properties of proclaimed offenders attached under UAPA

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SRINAGAR: Properties of two proclaimed offenders were attached in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Thursday under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), police said.

Police said the attached properties belong to Mohammad Maqbool Sheikh and Mohammad Rafiq Tantray, both residents of Tantraypora Palhallan, but

currently staying in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

In accordance with the orders passed by the special court designated under the UAPA, District and Sessions Judge Baramulla, police executed attachment proceedings against immovable properties belonging to Sheikh and Tantray in a case registered under various sections of the Egress and internal movement (control) ordinance (EIMCO) Act, Ranbir Penal

Code (RPC), and UAPA, a police spokesperson said.

The attachment of three kanals and 15 Marlas of land belonging to Sheikh, and four kanals and 17 Marlas of land of Tantray was carried out under Section 88 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CRPC) with the active assistance of the revenue department.

The properties were properly identified and demarcated, and due legal formal-

ties, including proclamation and public notification, were duly completed, the spokesperson added.

Meanwhile, police also attached the property of a drug peddler in Humhama area of Budgam district.

The property, comprising a double-storey residential house belonging to Sahil Yousuf Bhat, has an estimated market value of around Rs 50 lakhs, the officer added.